

Application for Proposed Withdrawal

Settler's Grove of Ancient Cedars Recreation Area
Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forests
Shoshone County, Idaho

Items required by 43 CFR 2310.1-2(c) and 43 CFR 2310.1-3 for a withdrawal application:

1. Name and address of applicant:

USDA Forest Service
Northern Region
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807

2. Non-Interior Delegation of Authority:

Authority for requesting land withdrawals involving National Forest System lands has been delegated to the Chief of the Forest Service, as specified in 7 CFR 2.60(a) (2), and further delegated to the Director and Deputy of Lands by Notice in the Federal Register Vol. 44 No. 247 page 75690. The Director of Lands subsequently delegated this authority to each Regional Forester for National Forest System land within his/her jurisdiction.

3. Consent of Head of Non-Interior Agency:

The requested withdrawal involves Public Lands under the administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, which hereby consents to the application.

4. Withdrawal Type:

This is a request for the making of a new withdrawal. The Forest Service requests these lands be withdrawn from mineral entry under the United States Mining Laws and would remain open to such uses as may be made of National Forest System lands including the mineral leasing laws. Specifically the withdrawal of this area will preserve this site as a Special Interest Area with picnic, hiking and other recreational opportunities.

The Forest Service realizes this segregation and any future mineral withdrawal will not apply to private lands or Federal lands with valid existing rights in the area.

5. Land Description:

Lands applied for in this application are wholly under the administration of the Forest Service and have public domain status. See Attachment A for complete legal description.

6. Legal Description of Overlapping Withdrawals:

The area covered by this application does not overlap any other withdrawals.

7. Purpose for Withdrawal:

These lands are proposed for withdrawal from location and entry under the United States mining laws. This withdrawal will help preserve one of the very few stands of old growth western red cedar on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests and is of historic, as well as, recreational value.

This grove of ancient cedar, with its clear meandering stream, offers an opportunity to preserve a unique stand of old growth cedar as a Special Interest Area. At one time most of the valleys of the Coeur d'Alene River were composed of these large cedars and many of the historical writings and diaries of the early settlers refer to bottomlands such as this, as being dominated with large cedar.

Public access to the area will be by foot trail. This trail has been designed to preserve the pristine condition of the cedar grove.

Primary use of the area will be hiking, sight-seeing, photography, fishing, and picnicking. Picnicking facilities are located at the entrance to the cedar grove and at the end of 34 Creek.

8. Extent of Withdrawal:

Subject to valid existing rights, the lands described above would be temporarily withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The maximum segregative period of 2 years is requested.

9. Temporary Land Uses Permitted During Segregation:

The Forest Service will continue to permit uses on the affected area within the statutory authorities pertinent to Public Lands and subject to discretionary approval.

10. Analysis of Alternatives:

Neither a right of way reservation under section 507 of the Act (43 U.S.C. 1767), nor a cooperative agreement under sections 302(b) (43 U.S.C. 1732(b)) and section

307(b) (43 U.S.C. 1737(b)) would provide adequate protection for the Settler's Grove of Ancient Cedars Recreation Area and its unique resources. Because of the broad scope and nondiscretionary nature of the general mining laws, the area would remain open and vulnerable to prospecting, location and mining that could damage these fragile and historic lands.

11. Duration of Withdrawal:

The proposed term of the withdrawal is 20 years (CFR 2310.3-4(b)) with the hope that the withdrawal could be extended as described in CFR 2310.4 at the end of the initial 20-year period.

12. Alternative Sites:

There are no other Federal lands in the Coeur d'Alene River Valley that have not been cleared by man of the native old growth cedar.

13. Water Requirements:

Water will not be required to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal action. However, the right to use water for National Forest purposes on lands described for this proposed withdrawal was reserved to the United States upon establishment of the Coeur d'Alene National Forest in 1906.

14. Location of Records:

Records relating to the application can be examined by interested persons at:

Forest Supervisors' Office
Idaho Panhandle National Forests
3815 Schreiber Way
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-8363

Bureau of Land Management
Idaho State Office
1387 S. Vinnell Way
Boise, ID 83709

Additional contacts include: Laura Bingham, Idaho State Office of the Bureau of Land Management at (208) 373-3866 or Scott Bixler, USDA Forest Service at (406) 329-3655.

15. Preliminary Identification of Mineral Resources

Mr. Raymond Wallace, the IPNF Mining Engineer completed a mineral potential report for this area. In summary, his report concluded placer gold may be present and there is good potential for locatable minerals such as lead, zinc, silver and copper.

Attachment A

Boise Meridian, Idaho
T. 50 N., R. 5 E., Section 4

Aliquot Part	Acres
NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ of lot 1,	2.95
NW ¹ / ₄ of lot 1,	11.83
SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ of lot 1,	2.95
N ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄ of lot 1,	5.91
SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ of lot 2,	2.95
SE ¹ / ₄ of lot 2,	11.83
NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ ,	10.00
NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	2.50
E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ ,	5.00
SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ ,	2.50
SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ ,	10.00
E ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ ,	5.00
SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ ,	2.50
SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ ,	2.50
NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ,	10.00
NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ,	10.00
S ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ,	5.00
SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ,	2.50
NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ,	2.50
N ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ,	5.00
W ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ .	5.00
	118.42

T. 51 N., R. 5 E., Section 33

Aliquot Part	Acres
S ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ,	5.00
SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ,	2.50
NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ,	10.00
E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ,	5.00
W ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ,	5.00
SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ,	10.00
NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ .	2.50
	40.00

T. 51 N., R. 5 E., Section 34

Aliquot Part	Acres
SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ,	10.00
NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ,	10.00
S ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ .	5.00
	25.00 Acres

Total acreage within this withdrawal:	183.42
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